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In re Patent Application of)
Meulewaeter et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635
Application No.: 09/551,494) Examiner: Janet L. Epps
Filed: April 18, 2000) Confirmation No.: 2755
For: METHODS AND MEANS FOR)
DELIVERING INHIBITORY RNA TO)
PLANTS AND APPLICATIONS)
THEREOF)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					


☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003, Applicants offer the following
Remarks.

The Official Action alleges that the present application "clearly fails to comply with
the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.821 - 1.825" because a "copy of the Sequence Listing in
computer-readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e)."

However, on June 27, 2001, Applicants filed a Request for Transfer of the
Computer-Readable Sequence Listing from the parent of this application to the present file,
as authorized by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e). A copy of that paper, and of the postcard evidencing
receipt of that paper at the PTO mailroom, are attached. Also attached, for the Examiner's
convenience, is a computer disk containing a duplicate electronic copy of the sequence
listing. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby re-affirms:



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1. That the contents of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same in compliance with 1.821(f); and

2. That the submission, filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(g) herein does not include new matter.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Reply, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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